November 3, 1960

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM: SAC, Miami (105-2878)

Re: [MILITARY AND NAVAL MATTERS - CUBA]

Retel Chicago to Bureau and Miami 11/1/60, captioned "FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA."

RICHARD S. CAIN was interviewed November 2, 1960, at the Sands Hotel, Miami Beach, and furnished the following information:

He represents the Accurate Detective Laboratories, Room 308, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago 2, Illinois. He also represents LIFE MAGAZINE and 64 newspapers, including the MIAMI HERALD. His information has come from [redacted] and [redacted] intelligence agents. The sixteen Russian trucks are allegedly loaded with .30 caliber ammunition. Five MIGS are allegedly assembled and ready to fly. Rocket launchers located near the Esso Oil Refinery are of sidewinder type. Resistance movement has 800 men fighting in the Escambray Mountains and CAIN is awaiting the opportunity to be parachuted into the Escambray to take photographs for LIFE MAGAZINE. Contact allegedly to be made with him by members of FRD, identities and departure date unknown.

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Estimates regarding 20,000 East European troops throughout the Island came from about 25 sources, some of whom have estimated as high as 200,000. An ex-Judge [redacted] Cuba, not otherwise known to CAIN, stated he had seen Czechs flying Prop planes in Cuba. CAIN has no specific information regarding objectives or methods taught in sabotage and espionage school. This school alleged to be sabotage and espionage school by some Cuban refugee formerly incarcerated at La Cabana Prison. None of his information regarded as other than general rumor which can be picked up from Cubans of unknown reliability in the Miami area. (u)

Information believed to be reliable regarding presence of Czech flyers and the unloading and distributing of Russian arms and materials and has already been furnished by Miami to the Bureau under instant caption on several occasions in the immediate past as obtained from persons arriving in exile status from Havana. CAIN stated he would notify his office in Chicago to furnish copies of any material or photographs which he furnishes from Cuba to the Chicago office of the FBI in the event he is successful in getting to the Escambray Mountains. His proposed trip allegedly not financed by LIFE MAGAZINE but $5,000 will be paid CAIN by LIFE MAGAZINE if he is successful in getting photographs of counterrevolutionaries in combat and/or in training. (u)

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